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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An image signal transmitting/receiving method in a mobile communication terminal comprising:
transmitting/receiving a main image signal at the mobile communication terminal;
determining whether a cut-off mode has been set for a main image signal;
transmitting and displaying at the mobile communication terminal, during a telephonic communication~~video telephone call~~, a sub-image signal instead of the main image signal when the cut-off mode is set

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the main image signal is a received image signal.

3. – 6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) An image signal transmitting/receiving apparatus A mobile communication terminal comprising:

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an image signal processor for processing a main image signal;
a display unit for displaying the received main image signal on the mobile communication terminal;
a controller for checking whether a cut-off mode has been set for the main image signal; and
an image signal selector ~~for selectively capable of~~ outputting, during a telephonic communication~~video telephone call~~, a sub-image signal instead of the main image signal to the image signal processor when selected and to the display unit when selected, when the cut-off mode has been set.

8. – 9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A mobile communication terminal~~An image signal transmitting apparatus~~ comprising:
an image signal processor for processing a main image signal;
a controller for checking whether a cut-off mode has been set for the main image signal; and

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an image signal selector for outputting during a telephonic communication ~~video telephone call~~ a sub-image signal instead of the main image signal to the image signal processor when the cut-off mode has been set.

11. – 12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) ~~An image signal receiving apparatus – A mobile communication terminal comprising:~~

an image signal processor for processing a main image signal;
a display unit for displaying the received main image signal ~~on the mobile communication terminal~~;

a controller for checking whether a cut-off mode has been set for the main image signal; and

an image signal selector for outputting during a telephonic communication ~~video telephone call~~ a sub-image signal instead of the received main image signal to the display unit when the cut-off mode has been set.

14. - 15. (Canceled)

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16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising setting the cut-off mode.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the cut-off mode is set during the telephonic communication~~video telephone~~ call.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus-terminal of claim 7, further comprising a device for setting the cut-off mode.

19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus-terminal of claim 18, wherein the cut-off mode is set during the telephonic communication~~video telephone~~ call.

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus-terminal of claim 10, further comprising a device for setting the cut-off mode.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the sub-image signal is a signal stored in a predetermined storing area.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the sub-image signal is one of a signal inputted by a user or a previously transmitted main image signal.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting and displaying on the mobile communication terminal, during the telephonic communication~~video~~ ~~telephone call~~, the main image signal instead of the sub-image signal when the cut-off mode is not set.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus-terminal of claim 7, wherein the sub-image signal is a signal stored by a user or the main image signal that has been previously transmitted.

25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus-terminal of claim 7, wherein the image signal selector outputs the main image signal to the image signal processor instead of the sub-image signal when the cut-off mode has not been set.

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus-terminal of claim 10, wherein the sub-image signal is a signal stored by a user or the main image signal that has been previously transmitted.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus-terminal of claim 10, wherein the image signal selector outputs the main image signal to the image signal processor instead of the sub-image signal when the cut-off mode has not been set.

28. (Currently Amended) The apparatus-terminal of claim 13, wherein the sub-image signal is a signal stored by a user or the main image signal that has been previously transmitted.

29. (Currently Amended) The apparatus-terminal of claim 13, wherein the image signal selector outputs the received main image signal to the image signal display unit when the cut-off mode has not been set.

30. (Currently Amended) A method in a mobile communication terminal for selectively transmitting an image signal comprising:

inputting an image signal to an image input unit;

encoding the image signal inputted;

determining if a cut-off mode has been set; and

performing during a telephonic communication on the mobile communication terminal ~~video telephone call~~ one of transmitting a second image signal stored in a storage unit if

the cut-off mode has not been set or transmitting the encoded image signal inputted if the cut-off mode has been set.

31. (Currently Amended) A method in a mobile communications terminal for transmitting an image signal between at least a first mobile communications terminal and a second mobile communications terminal while in a ~~video—telephone—call~~telephonic communication, the mobile communications terminal comprising an image input unit, an encoder for encoding an image from the image input unit, a storing unit for storing an image, an image signal processor and an image selector, the method comprising:

selectively transmitting during the telephonic communication~~video—telephone—call~~ one of a first image signal captured by the image input unit of the first mobile terminal or a second image signal stored in the storing unit of the first mobile communications terminal to the second mobile communications terminal depending on a user's setting of the first mobile terminal.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
detecting whether a cut-off mode has been selected by the user of the first mobile terminal;

if the cut-off mode is set, transmitting the second image signal as a main image signal to the second mobile terminal during the telephonic communication~~video-telephone call~~; and

transmitting the first image signal as the main image signal to the second mobile terminal during the telephonic communication~~video-telephone call~~ if the cut-off mode is not selected by the user.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the second image comprises at least one of an image signal stored by the user and the previously transmitted first image signal.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the user sets the cut-off mode for the main image signal to be transmitted by operating an input unit of the first mobile terminal.

35. (Currently Amended) ~~An image~~A mobile communication terminal comprising:
an image input unit, the image input unit capturing a first image signal;
an encoder, the encoder encoding the first image signal captured by the image input unit;

a memory unit, the memory unit storing a second image signal inputted by a user or the first image signal previously transmitted via an image signal processor;

an image signal selector, the image signal selector selectively outputting the first image signal or the second image signal; and

a controller cooperating with the image input unit, the encoder, the memory unit and the image signal selector to selectively transmit during a telephonic communication ~~video telephone call~~ the first image signal or the second image signal to a second image communication terminal depending on a user's setting.

36. (Currently Amended) The ~~new~~-terminal of claim 35, wherein the controller is adapted to determine whether a cut-off mode has been set by the user and to transmit the second image signal as the main image signal to the second image communication terminal during the telephonic communication ~~video telephone call~~ if the cut-off mode is set.

37. (Currently Amended) The terminal of claim 36, wherein the controller is adapted to transmit the first image signal as the main image signal to the second image communication terminal during the telephonic communication ~~video telephone call~~ if the cut-off mode is not selected by the user.

38. (Previously Presented) The terminal of claim 35, further comprising an input unit operated by the user to select a cut-off mode.

39. (Currently Amended) A method for processing a telephonic communication ~~video telephone call~~ in a mobile communication terminal comprising:

allowing a user to selectively operate a cut-off mode for selecting a main image signal to be transmitted before initiating the telephonic communication ~~video telephone call~~ or during the telephonic communication ~~video telephone call~~; and

transmitting a prestored image signal from a storing unit to a receiver side during the telephonic communication ~~video telephone call~~ if the cut-off mode is set,

wherein the prestored image signal comprises at least one of an image signal stored by the user and a main image signal previously transmitted via an image signal processor, depending on a user's setting.

40. (Currently Amended) A method in a video mobile communication terminal ~~capable of processing a telephonic communication~~ ~~video telephone call~~ ~~at least between a first and second video communication terminals~~, the video mobile communication terminal comprising an image input unit, an encoder for encoding an image signal from the image input

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unit, a storing unit for storing an image signal, an image signal processor, a display unit and an image signal selector, the method comprising:

receiving a main image signal from a first video-communication terminal during the telephonic communication~~video telephone call~~;

determining whether a cut-off mode has been set by a user of the second video mobile communication terminal for the received main image signal; and

selectively displaying one of an image signal stored in the storing unit or the received image signal on the display unit of the mobile communication terminal during the telephonic communication~~video telephone call~~ according to the determining.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

allowing the user to selectively set the cut-off mode for the received main image signal before initiating the telephonic communication~~video telephone call~~ or during the telephonic communication~~video telephone call~~.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the user sets the cut-off mode for the main image signal to be transmitted by operating an input unit of the video communication terminal.